

Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

A. David Stippler, Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor
Remarks to the Regulatory Flexibility Committee
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Overview

- OUCC's Mission Effectiveness
 - Dedicated Advocacy
 - Creative Problem Solving
 - Consumer Education
- SB 560
 - OUCC Activities to Date
 - Associated Costs



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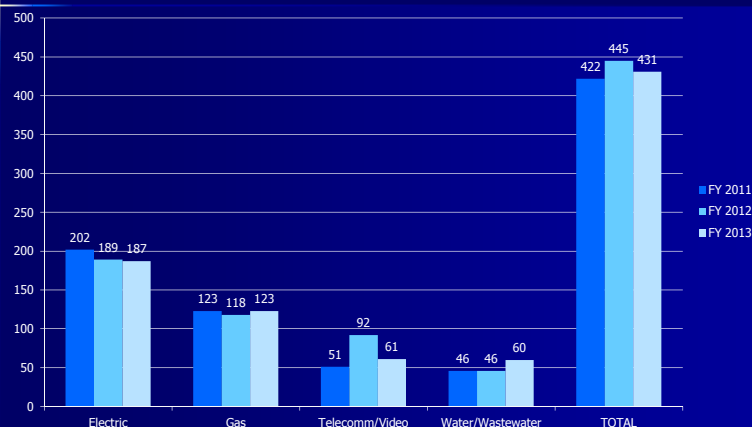
OUCC Mission

- "To represent all Indiana Consumers to ensure quality, reliable utility services at the most reasonable prices possible through:
 - dedicated advocacy,
 - consumer education, and
 - creative problem solving."
- Demonstrating value for all Indiana ratepayers: Over \$1B in savings in FY'13.



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Number of Cases With OUCC Activity During FY 2011, 2012 and 2013



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Dedicated Advocacy

- Duke Energy (IGCC Edwardsport)
(Cause No. 43114 IGCC4 S1)
 - Over \$900M in ratepayer savings from settlement agreement
 - Capped cost savings of over \$2B over next 30 years



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Creative Problem Solving

- Citizens Gas / LNG Indy, Inc.
(Cause No. 44277)
 - Approval of Liquefied Natural Gas Settlement Agreement
 - Sale of natural gas as a transportation fuel; economic and environmental benefits



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Creative Problem Solving

- Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M)
(Cause No. 44331)
 - Settlement Agreement to cost-effectively meet federal consent decree requirements for the Rockport generating station



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Consumer Education

- 812 Telephone Area Code Relief
(Cause No. 44233)
 - Educating consumers on:
 - Options available for adding a new area code
 - Upcoming transition
 - www.in.gov/oucc/2718.htm
- IURC's adoption of the "930" Area Code Overlay (7/31/2013)



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SB 560 IC 8-1-1.1-6.1(h)

- “(h) The consumer counselor may submit to the budget agency a request for funds sufficient to carry out any new duties or responsibilities created under IC 8-1-39-12(b). The consumer counselor shall include in its annual report to the regulatory flexibility committee:
 - (1) a description of its activities under IC 8-1-39-12(b)
 - (2) a summary of the costs associated with those activities.”



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TDSIC Filings

- NIPSCO: First utility filing for TDSIC relief (July 19, 2013)
- NIPSCO’s “Electric Infrastructure Modernization Plan”
 - 7-year plan, 210-day IURC proceeding (Cause No. 44370)
- NIPSCO concurrently filed a 90-day “shell” petition without specific proposed rate schedules (Cause No. 44371)
- NIPSCO has waived its right to receive an IURC Order in 90 days, asking for schedule to run concurrently with 210-day proceeding



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TDSIC Filings

- NIPSCO's approach recognizes this is its initial filing under the new law
- It further recognizes that the IURC must determine the appropriate cost allocation methodology before approving rate schedules
- NIPSCO's 7-year Plan projects the expenditures of about \$1B over the term



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TDSIC Filings

- OUCC activities to date
 - Formulation of initial case team
 - Review and analysis of NIPSCO filings underway
 - OUCC's testimony due on Oct. 11, 2013
 - Keeping track of costs related to activities
 - Ongoing assessment of new law's impact on OUCC resources



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